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QEII info meeting gets heated

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Recreational motorized vehicle users are looking to get a decision reversed on restricting their vehicles from using a popular trail accessing the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Park, after they left an information session disgruntled and disappointed.

It was nearly a full house with dozens of people coming from down the road, across the county and from hours away, on Wednesday, March 13 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Many of them hoped to get answers to why the Minden Hydro Line Trail was being closed off from April 1 to mid-September.

The meeting was led by QEII park superintendent Jason Dwyer and organized with the Township of Minden Hills, which was represented by councillors Jennifer Hughey, Pam Sayne and Mayor Brent Devolin.

The decision by the Ontario Parks (Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks) to reduce motorized traffic is based on the interim management statement from March 6, 2001, Dwyer said. There was an excerpt of section 5.3 under recreational activities shown to the audience: "Any recreational activity found to have a negative impact on the protection objectives of Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park will have appropriate actions taken to minimize continued damage."

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Students rally against climate change

A student-led demonstration held in Lindsay brought about 75 people to Kent Street demanding more government action on climate change. See more on page 3. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Community effort raises Youth Hub

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The Hali Youth Hub is becoming the gathering space that the community built.

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, which is co-leading the walk-in centre project with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said she is excited "that the com-

munity is stepping up," to help renovate the former Lighthouse Pentecostal Church on Dysart Avenue into a space for Haliburton County youth aged 12 to 25.

"Local tradespeople, businesses and residents are being extremely generous with their time and contributions helping to make the YWHO Haliburton County a reality," reads a hub renovation update on Point in Time's website. "It's real evidence of how valued

youth are as members of our community and how the community recognizes the future that they hold."

A new, custom-made, accessible kitchen was designed by Trevor Chaulk and the team of Chaulk Design Studio, with a portion of that kitchen being donated, and the team donated their labour to install it at the beginning of this month.

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Restrictions aimed at protecting species at risk

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During a give-and-take with an audience member about how no one knew about the closure decision, Dwyer said he had alerted the president of OF4WD (Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationists) prior. This was disputed by people who aligned themselves with OF4WD, which runs the annual Camp Northern Lights Charity Trailfest. Others voiced the same concern during and following the meeting: that they hadn't been told of the decision.

In an email after the meeting, Dwyer wrote: "In fall 2018 Ontario Parks notified the affected user groups that a decision had been made to implement interim time of use restrictions to all-terrain and off-road type motor vehicles in specific areas in the northeast portion of the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park including Little Otter Lake Junction (i.e., Scotch Line area, hydro line corridor, Beer Lake Road, etc.). The restrictions are a 'time of use' window in order to reduce the impacts of recreational motorized vehicle use and provide protection to identified 15 different species at risk in the areas during important species life-cycle periods. This timing window is based on breeding, incubation, and leaving the nest stage of life and prohibits recreational riding during the set period of time. The interim time of use restrictions will begin April 1 and run through to Sept. 15 or Sept. 30 annually depending on the location."

When asked at the meeting if he would consider a change to the decision, Dwyer said, "Our decision has been made."

After several grievances and concerns were voiced, a member of the audience asked the entire group who was there with concerns for motorized user access, which was answered by a stand of raised hands that filled the air.

The vocal and frustrated crowd represented a diverse group of motorized users from organizations such as the OF4WD, HATVA (Haliburton ATV Association), the COHV-CVHR (Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council) and



Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin addresses the crowd during the information meeting.

local people with hunt camps and other users not clearly identified at the meeting.

The recreational motorized vehicle users and the local politicians said they learned their access to the Minden Hydro Line Trail this season was going to be restricted only days before the information meeting.

Not all motorized users are being disallowed. There are exceptions to this restriction.

Dwyer writes "private property owners and issued land use permit holders have been authorized to use motorized vehicles for the purposes of accessing their properties and will receive written authorization. Authorization to private landowners and land use permit holders is not intended for recreational use."

Enforcement of this restriction will be left to Ontario Parks' park wardens. Dwyer points out the focus is on providing "information and education to user groups." There are no plans for gate access.

Warnings and offence notices will be issued under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act. Fines will start at \$125. However Dwyer said under this act fines "in very rare circumstances" can range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 "depending on the severity and details surrounding the offence."

Dwyer said this decision does not mean public access is restricted or the trails are being closed.

"Members of the public are welcome to access the park in this area through non-motorized use (i.e. walking, hiking, etc.) during the time of use restrictions."

It was understood by the disgruntled audience members that any efforts to reverse the decision was going to be directed at decision makers with greater authority than Dwyer such as MPP Laurie Scott.

One looming concern for many in attendance (including hunt camp users) was the likelihood that in the future there won't be any motorized users permitted at the park at all. The main message from OF4WD, as stated on their website, is to keep public lands public.

Some of the points in support of keeping access to the trail open included the long history of use, accessibility for older people, collaboration, and the challenge of changing scheduled group plans for the season. It was mentioned beginner off-road drivers use part of the trail to learn.

While several were clear about their displeasure due in part to a lack of consultation and how other uses were not being restricted, there were others making a case to help the five staff responsible for the park in fulfilling their mandate and assisting with the effort to help the species at risk along the trail.

The COHV-CVHR posted a release to their website after the meeting, contending the trail in question goes in and out of the QEII according to a topographical map posted at www.cohv.ca. They said the trail goes in at three spots. At the meeting, the motorized users said the trail is in the park for a total of 1.5 kilometres. They contend this is a small area compared to the total space of the park.

During the presentation, Dwyer said the QEII is a 33,500 hectare park that provides semi-wilderness recreation bordering Minden, Gravenhurst, Washago and Kirkfield.

Currently, the park is a non-operational park with no dedicated staff, limited resources, no fees and limited to no infrastructure. There are long-term plans to change it to be an operational park. This entails dedicated staff, provided greater financial support and includes infrastructure/development.

Unlike Algonquin Park, which is a level one park, the QEII is expected to be managed as a level two park with back country camping, reduced resources, virtual permits and reduced staff interaction like Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park. Currently, the park is at a management decision stage.

Moving forward in the process will require consultation with seven First Nations named in the Williams Treaties. The treaties were signed in 1923 between the federal and provincial governments and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Georgina Island and Rama and the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Scugog Island. The treaties were signed to cover lands in south-central Ontario (that includes QEII) in exchange for one-time cash payments received by the Indigenous signatories. There have been legal disputes and ongoing negotiations related to differences in the interpretation of the treaties, particularly hunting and fishing rights.

Dwyer wrote in a statement that the Ontario Parks is working on a park management plan, a five-step process. They are at the second step, which includes a large component on information gathering and analysis. Information gathering is close to completion and park staff is now in early consultation with the seven First Nations surrounding the park.



Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park superintendent Jason Dwyer listens to questions during the information meeting on the park on March 13 at the Minden Community Centre. /DARREN LUM Staff

Dwyer said there will be opportunities for consultation during the planning process. The public will be notified about this through the media.

Dwyer said the reasons for the establishment of QEII close to 20 years ago was for its biodiversity, ample insect population, which is beneficial to the environment, and the variety of land form vegetation types.

He said Ontario Parks should be thought of as a potluck party, which means each park brings a different dish to the environment. The QEII provides the gift of biting insects or the fuel that runs the biological engine.

"So we have a great variety of mosquitoes, black flies and deer flies and they are thick as thieves and so that is one reason why this park oddly enough was chosen to be a park," he said.

Dwyer said QEII serves as a major route for animals coming from the GTA and Georgian Bay, whether they are going to Algonquin Park or to the Kawartha Highlands Signature site.

The importance of the park's ecological integrity relates to sustaining the 155 land form vegetation types, which far exceed the 55 found in the larger Algonquin Park. One example of a land form vegetation type is maple beech forest on granite. In particular, among all the land form vegetation types, there are 63 considered critical. The critical designation means the park has the last of one of these land form vegetation types or is the best example left in the province. The park is also home to a variety of species at risk.

The focus on limiting motorized users overshadowed the original intent of the meeting to provide the public with information about the park and its future, and to think of possible resolutions to parking issues at access points to the park such as at Devils Lake in Minden. Among the ideas included carpooling from a nearby parking area such as the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Devolin, who said he would contact MPP Laurie Scott about this issue, said he was as surprised as much as the audience with the closure decision.

"I'd have been happy to have been personally aware of those elements of that. It will be constructive going forward if we had more of that kind of dialogue and I wish the MNR would have been here tonight because we saw some of the stakeholders here tonight. A passionate group. Obviously the fossil fuel burning bunch – I put myself in that category ... I would say it's going to be a couple years until all the things related to QEII Wildlands is resolved. Why, we've had two delegations. I see no long-term solutions other than the park going operational so it can be properly managed and planned so the negative consequences for all is mitigated."

During the meeting some people suggested there will be great financial losses to the area's economy because of this closure. The point wasn't lost on Devolin.

"Trust me. You don't have to explain to me economic impact and tourism in all its forms – the importance to our community. I heard them loud and clear," he said.

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No organizational review in budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

An organizational review of the Township of Minden Hills will not be included in the township's 2019 budget, despite the pleas of one member of council.

Township councillors held their third round of budget discussions during a March 14 meeting, where Councillor Pam Sayne made repeated requests that money for an organizational review be included in this year's budget.

Organizational reviews, typically conducted by a third-party consultant, assess the structure of a municipality including staffing, seeking out efficiencies, etc.

"We've got to do this, we've been putting this off for too long," said Sayne, who's made calls in the past for the township to have an

organizational review conducted.

Sayne noted that the township's new arena, which is scheduled to be completed by fall of 2020, would require an increase in staffing, and that as such, it seemed a logical time to conduct a review.

"It's kind of like if someone has never worn shoes before, they don't know how much they need them," Sayne said.

Mayor Brent Devolin said it was likely that some time in 2019 there would be a conversation at the Haliburton County council table regarding increased co-operation between the county's four lower-tier townships, and that depending on the outcome of that conversation, it would make more sense to leave any organizational review until 2020.

"We respect your opinion . . . you've been unwavering in it, over a number of years," Devolin said. Other members of council felt pursuing an organizational review this year was premature.

Sayne was successful at getting a \$5,000 contribution to Whitewater Ontario included in the draft budget. Back in January, reps from Whitewater Ontario, which operates the Minden Wild Water Preserve, made a delegation to council, requesting a \$5,000 contribution, partially to offset water release charges from Parks Canada, which operate the dam near the site, and partially for legacy signage on the township-owned side of the river.

"I find it embarrassing we can't give \$5,000 ... with all the other things that we're doing regarding recreation," Sayne said, in what appeared to be a reference to the arena project which is expected to cost \$12.9 million.

Other members of council, including Devolin, said they were comfortable putting \$5,000 in the draft budget for Whitewater Ontario.

It also appears that Minden Hills will accrue a surplus for 2018. Earlier in the budget

process, council deferred \$1 million worth of roads projects to 2020 discussions, including a \$400,000 refurbishing of the Sunnybrook bridge in Minden's downtown.

"While I don't always like to see big surpluses, at the end of the day, they help with these situations," said treasurer and chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard, explaining the surplus could be used toward the bridge project, or elsewhere.

"If Sunnybrook bridge is the priority of council, there's going to be a way to do that," Blanchard said.

The draft budget included a seven per cent increase in the tax levy, equating to a residential tax rate increase of just under five per cent. However, changes to the budget are still to come.

The next draft will be presented at a public meeting on March 28.



From left, Austin Crego, Tathan McCutcheon, Sean McCutcheon and Tecwyn McCutcheon join about 75 people marching down Kent Street in Lindsay in support of climate change action. /Submitted



Haliburton County residents Bonnie Roe and Greg Roe joined federal NDP candidate Barbara Doyle and Zac Miller, who ran as the provincial NDP candidate in the last election, at the student-led climate change action march held in Lindsay on March 15. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Students march for action

Haliburton County youth joined world-wide action for climate change marches on March 15 in Lindsay and Barrie in solidarity with 16-year-old Swedish student and Nobel Peace Prize-nominated activist Greta Thunberg, who initiated the youth-led global school strike for climate change campaign. Thunberg began skipping school for the cause last August, and has since addressed the United Nations Climate Change Conference and the World Economic Forum at Davos as an activist. Marches took place in more than 100 countries, including more than 70 marches in Canada with an estimated 1.5 million people taking part in the campaign. Approximately 75 people attended the Lindsay march. The next Canada-wide march happens May 3.

Sue Tiffin, Staff

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Businesses give back through youth hub

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“Trevor Chaulk is a very community-minded contractor and is committed to helping ... he really believes in investing in children and youth in our community so he’s given us a terrific donation,” said Cox.

North Steel also offered the Youth Hub a deal on a stainless steel counter top. The commercial grade kitchen meets public health regulation.

“The youth are really interested in learning to prepare food and being able to access food both, so we’re really excited about the kitchen component,” said Cox.

Chaulk said his company has always been about giving back, and this year wanted to allocate some time and resources to Point in Time to help out with the Youth Hub initiative.

“Point in Time does a lot of work for the youth,” he said. “From my standpoint having three young kids, and the fact of Point in Time helping our family with our kids at different occasions, it’s a really fitting thing to give back.”

The kitchen design was approved by Point in Time and then the health department in the first round of designs. Chaulk said it had been a pleasure working with the Point in Time team, who he said responded quickly to make the process fluid.

“The biggest thing with the kitchen was accessibility, durability and making sure that the layout was functioning properly, because we had to have five sinks in a small space, we had to have a rolling island with a drop-down accessible countertop so there was some creative features we had to put into play, within that space,” he said.

The design of the kitchen will allow for more ease by those using the Youth Hub, and Chaulk said a lot of behind-the-scenes work by design professionals goes into planning a commercial kitchen to ensure heavy use doesn’t cause damages.

“[I]t will reduce stress because they’re not going to have to struggle to use it,” said Chaulk. “If, for example, the kitchen wasn’t designed properly, and they had a bad day at school, then they’re coming over there and they’re struggling to find a microwave and nothing’s working properly, then they get agitated, right? Well with the quality of our kitchens, they’re not going to have that issue. It comes with a 10-year warranty, we stand behind everything, we build things to last, so it’s going to stand the test of time.”

The project was one that Chaulk said was meaningful.

“I love projects like this, because many years ago when I started the company, there was a time that I needed help,” said Chaulk. “I don’t forget that. When it comes as an opportunity to give back to the community, I feel really good about it because everybody needs something here and there. If we all stick together and work together, that’s how the community thrives. Back in the day, it took a village to raise the barn, right, and it still stands true today.”

Cox said other local businesses in Minden have also contributed to the project as well. Home Hardware offered deals on appliances, including the kitchen’s commercial dishwasher, fridge, freezer and a stove and Riverview Furniture in Minden offered deals on Canadian-made furniture that will stand up to a lot of use, such as sofas made of durable and cleanable fabric.



Kris McDonald and Mark Bullied of Chaulk Design Studio work on installing a custom-designed kitchen in the Hali Youth Hub in Haliburton on March 7. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

“Local businesses from contractors to retailers have just been really stepping up to support the youth in our community and furnish and complete the youth hub,” she said.

She said it’s important because although located in Haliburton, the Youth Hub is a space for all youth in the county. Transportation has been built into the project budget, and so after students get in to town by way of bus or a ride from parents, evening rides home are being offered to youth attending programs at the Youth Hub. Additionally, Grade 7 and 8 students in Minden who are interested in coming to the Youth Hub will be accommodated to ensure they can access the Youth Hub as well.

“If there are people in Minden who want to get to the hub who don’t have a way of doing so, reach out and we’ll work on it together,” said Cox.

“There’s a lot of things a lot of companies can do in the area,” said Chaulk. “What I’ve always believed was lead by example. So if I step up to the plate, always step up to the plate as much as possible, it might encourage other companies to do the same, too. That’s what makes the community so great, is that people will step up in a time of need.”

Kieran Gillooly, a partner with Kegal Heating and Cooling, learned what it’s like to have the community offer support after he had a serious softball accident in 2017. He remembered that when he recommended to his mom Rachel, a project co-ordinator on the Youth Hub project, that the building should have a new heat pump rather than just air conditioning and offered his time to install it.

“It’s for a good cause, and I’m a firm believer in what goes around comes around,” he said. “I had an accident myself and the support that I got from everybody and basically the goodness of people’s hearts, you gotta give back. It’s a two-way street for sure.”

Gillooly said the immediate caring response for both him and his family after his accident is a prime example of the support offered from friends and family and the community.

“So you have to appreciate that and when other people need help you gotta do your part,” he said. “It’s not like it has to be a lot of time, but every little bit helps. You know, if 20 people spent a couple of hours there [at the Youth Hub], that’s a lot of time and labour. So, more people make for light work.”

The Zuba-Central Mitsubishi central heat pump system has been popular in area homes, replacing electric furnaces, according to Gillooly. He called his sales rep, who was

able to help as well in developing a special price point for the unit.

“I said that I could see them saving a lot of money, probably enough money in the heating season from the heat pump that they would essentially be getting air conditioning for free,” said Gillooly. “It would make sense to go that route.”

He’s looking forward to seeing immediate savings on the Youth Hub’s hydro bill, and also in the Youth Hub having a grand opening.

“It gives the youth in Haliburton a bunch of resources that in the past haven’t been there,” he said. Gillooly said when he was a high school student in the area, students hung out at a restaurant in town but he said options were limited. “There was nothing really to go to after school, where you could do homework.”

He installed the heat pump system in January, but is still ready to jump in if needed.

“There’s still going to be the odd thing to do there, and if I can, I will help,” he said. “It feels good to be a part of something meaningful.”

Cox said the space will be fully accessible. Besides the kitchen and lounge areas, the Youth Hub will have a number of multi-purpose rooms where people can have a quieter space to do their homework, or meet confidentially in soundproof rooms with a nurse practitioner to access services including mental health supports, employment help and psychiatric evaluation. Youth will be involved in some of the finishings of the space - already some have been involved in choosing furniture and what kind of feel the space has, and have been planning art projects.

“Even though there hasn’t been a lot of hands-on, there’s been co-creating with the youth in terms of what they want to see in the design,” said Cox.

Though still working toward a grand opening date, the Youth Hub is already being used for both one-time and ongoing events. SHIFT, an arts-based, pre-employment program for youth aged 18 to 29 started March 5 and runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Youth Hub. The program includes lunch, and has a goal of creating better employment outcomes for youth through building interpersonal and soft skills while working as a team to create unique art and media projects with two talented local artists and an employment and training consultant from Fleming CREW. For more information, call the Fleming CREW Employment office at 705-457-2020.

Coffee House, a positive, casual and fun gathering space for LGBTQ+ youth and allies between the ages of 12 to 25 is being held at the Youth Hub every other Tuesday. Thursday Night Drop-In invites youth to stop by for food, games, music, a hang out and rides home for anyone who needs it. The Youth Engagement Committee, open to HHSS and AETC students meets every other Thursday at lunchtime in the HHSS seminar room to plan events and talk about what’s most important to high school students in Haliburton County. For information on any of these events, contact 705-457-5345.

An online Youth Hub Gift Registry found at pointintime.ca offers a guide to what is still needed at the Youth Hub to bring it closer to completion. General donations can be made, or donors can specify what they would like to fund. The list includes items like flatware, ceiling fans, an inclined platform wheelchair lift, kitchen faucets, stacking tables and window blinds. Visit the Point in Time website or call 705-457-5345 for more information on how to get involved.

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Residents oppose sewage spreading field

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Residents filled Minden Hills council chambers for a public meeting on March 14, many expressing opposition to an official plan and zoning bylaw amendment application for the operation of a hauled sewage spreading site off of Bobcaygeon Road.

As a report from township planner Ian Clendening indicates, the subject property, a total of 117 acres, borders Bobcaygeon Road north of Scotch Line Road. Just over 18 acres of that property would be used for the ground spreading of hauled sewage. The application, from Carnarvon's Francis Thomas Contracting, is to rezone the property from rural designation to a site-specific rural exception zone that would allow for the proposed use.

Last summer, after a 45-day public input period, Thomas Contracting received an environmental certificate approval from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for the operation of the site. That ECA expires after two years. For a period last summer, haulage was spread at the site, until the company was informed by the township it was not a permitted use under the property's zoning.

As planner Doug Carroll, representing Thomas Contracting, told council and members of the public at last week's meeting, the company began looking for a suitable site for sewage spreading as far back as 2003, but that Haliburton County's topography, with plentiful bedrock and water bodies, makes finding a suitable site difficult.

"As a result, most of the candidate sites did not meet the criteria of the MOE," Carroll said. He explained that after various environmental constraints laid out by the province had been mapped and tested on the property, it left the 18-acre section as suitable for the purpose of spreading under MOE guidelines.

Those constraints include requirements such as a minimum depth of permeable soil, setbacks from water bodies and so forth. Carroll also explained the grade of the spreading area had to be graded to three per cent or less, soil berms had to be created in required areas around the outer limit of a wetland on the property, and that a vegetative buffer has been planted to act as further mitigation of surface water runoff if runoff was to go off the surface of the spread field.

Under the conditions of the ECA, the spread field can be operational between May 1 and Nov. 30.

During that period, Carroll explained, the groundwater must be sampled three times, the results of that testing filed with the ministry.

"They shut them down if they don't comply," he said.

Residents voiced long lists of concerns from noise and increased traffic in the area, to, especially, odour and potential contamination of area water bodies in a public meeting that lasted an hour and a half.

On the property are the headwaters of "Beaver Creek, or it might be more helpful if we refer to it as the elephant in the room," longtime Mountain Lake resident Don Benson told council. The creek eventually flows into the Gull River.

"At present, the Minden Hills zoning bylaw does not permit a septage disposal and treatment use on this proposed site, for a reason," Benson said.

Howard Clarke, president of the Mountain Lake Property Owners' Association also spoke.

"I'm here to express our concerns and opposition to the proposed disposal and treatment site," Clarke said, adding the association saw the proposed use as a danger to the community.

"Apparently, there are over 37 occupied properties that are less than 600 metres from the area," he said. "Also, the distance from the centre of the field to the Minden [Hills] Cultural Centre is measured at 3.3 kilometres. So remember, if you will on this winter day, those hot, steamy days of summer, temperatures in the 30-Celsius range, with high humidity, and wind patterns changing by the hour. You can imag-

ine the awful smell of human excrement wafting through the noses of those 37 property owners. In addition, winds out of the southwest will blow this horrible smell towards Mountain Lake and its surrounding area. Winds out of the north will turn the town of Minden into a stinkpot as the fetid air will be trapped in place by the surrounding Minden Hills. Is this

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They shut them down if they don't comply.

— DOUG CARROLL, PLANNER

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what we want as a community, in our efforts to promote year-round tourism and future business enterprises for the county?"

A number of residents said they didn't think the monitoring requirements laid out by the MOE were sufficient, and did not adequately monitor surface water. Residents of the area of Scotch Line Road, where Minden Hills' main landfill is located, said that between the landfill and sewage spreading field, they feared for the value of the properties.

"Who do I call when I get an odour problem?" asked Clayton Cameron. "Do I call you, Mr. Mayor? Do I call the ministry?"

There were also several references to the Walkerton tainted water disaster throughout the meeting.

Councillor Jean Neville said that she's lost faith in the MOE, which has in the past ignored recommendations from the township's planning department.

Councillor Pam Sayne said council needed to think about the implications of climate change and its effect on the area's water levels.

"Climate change moves fast . . . and governments move slow," Sayne said. "And that's a real tragedy in the waiting." A further report from Clendening incorporating public feedback and with additional information will come back to council.

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Blowback

A NUMBER OF residents filled Minden Hills council chambers last week for a public meeting regarding an application for official plan and zoning bylaw amendments to allow the operation of a sewage spreading field off of Bobcaygeon Road north of the village of Minden.

Understandably, most of them voiced their opposition to that proposal.

It is not the first time in recent years that the issue of spreading fields has made the pages of this publication. Regular readers will recall the situation with a spreading field located near Maple Lake in Algonquin Highlands.

It should be made clear that this column

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Reporter

and Conservation. An ECA for the Bobcaygeon Road operation was actually issued by the ministry last summer. This despite the fact that sewage spreading is not a permitted use on the property under its current zoning, hence the application for official plan and zoning amendments. Municipalities are wholly creatures of the province, and bear no constitutional authority of their own. As we have learned from the situation at Maple Lake, an

ECA from the MOE essentially trumps municipal zoning bylaws. There is no requirement for the province to heed municipal zoning bylaws when issuing ECAs; the only requirements that must be met are the ministry's own. This

is problematic for everyone – municipal councils, residents and field operators. The permitting process should be amended to require compliance with municipal zoning bylaws.

Also, it is surprising how close to water bodies and residences these facilities are permitted. Presumably, ministry requirements are based on science that ensures water sources are not contaminated and so on. However, allowing such operations within a kilometre of residential properties seems to defy logic.

This is ultimately a provincial issue, so requires a provincial solution. It seems pretty clear that the process around the permitting of sewage spreading fields needs some reconsideration.

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Flying low

ONE OF THE great things about winter that no one talks about is the fact that you hardly ever see anyone flying low between late-December and March.

I believe this is mostly because of my theory which suggests there is a relationship between flying low and outside temperatures. Of course, you can't support a theory unless you have the data.

That's why I completed a scientific-like study this winter that, hopefully, confirms my hypothesis. Tentatively called "Thermal Fly-namics as it pertains to the outdoors enthusiast" my study proposed that incidents of flying low (meaning with zipper at half mast or less) are directly proportional to the ambient temperature and wind velocity around you – and also, to some extent by the quality of thermal underwear you are sporting.

Permit me to explain this in layman's terms. Basically, you hardly ever see anyone flying low in January when you and your friends are open air ice fishing, especially when the temperature is -40 Celsius or worse. Conversely (a term we scientific types often use), it happens on almost every fishing trip in August when temperatures are nearing 40 Celsius and beer has been consumed.

In my groundbreaking study, I surveyed many ice anglers, snowshoers and snowmobilers, approaching them with the phrase, "How's the fishing?" which admittedly only made sense one time out of three.

Even so, while the anglers were answering the questions and the others were wondering why I asked it, I was surreptitiously observing and taking discrete measurements of their pant zippers to determine what I have termed LOL (level of lowness). Then, I recorded the data in my notebook, for the sake of science.

This would have been difficult to pull off on the sly but, luckily, I am short and was wear-

ing sunglasses the whole time.

This data collection was a follow up to my August study in which I did the same thing – only, that time, by examining selfies that anglers and other outdoorsy types posted on social media.

The contrast was startling.

In August, among outdoorsy types such as hikers, anglers, campers and backpackers, flying low can reach near epidemic levels – meaning that it happens to everyone at least once in mixed company at a well-attended weenie roast. (Note: unrelated events.)

On the other hand, the incidence of anyone flying low in winter was characterized as rare in near zero temperatures and non-existent when the temperatures are approaching any temperature past -30 Celsius.

My theory, now being peer reviewed by other bored citizen-scientists, suggests that frigid, sub-zero temperatures work similarly to a garage door alarm. That being, in quickly and decisively alerting the owner that closure is needed.

Will I win a Nobel Prize for zipper-associated science for this? It's far too early to tell – but probably.

Yet, I did not undertake this study for the glory or so people talk about me as I pass – though, admittedly, this has been a notable offshoot of my work. No, I did it because it is only through proven scientific knowledge that we can advance as a society.

The funny thing is, like all great scientists, I first felt the need to answer the question after personal experience. Newton had an apple fall on his head; I had the cold north and too much coffee to thank.

By the way, that story was removed from the study I submitted because it was anecdotal and science isn't based on anecdotal information.

Also, you never send in your first draft.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The failed war on drugs

I SPOT THE BOOK on the shelf and am intrigued. It is titled *The Border* and the author is Don Winslow.

I have not heard of it, nor the author. Still I am intrigued, possibly because the title recalls TV images of displaced people massing on the U.S. southern border, and all the noise about building walls to keep them out.

I am intrigued, but I don't usually buy books that are 700 pages thick and the last in a series of three, the first two which I have not read. But I do buy *The Border*, and I am glad that I did.

It is a work of fiction, entertaining as well as enlightening because it is fiction based on fact. One review describes the research as impeccable.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The Border, plus the other two books in what has become known as the Cartel Trilogy (*The Power of the Dog* and *The Cartel*), are about North America's longest war – the war on drugs.

The war on drugs is almost 50 years old. It was declared in June 1971 by U.S. President Richard (Tricky Dick) Nixon who called the illegal drug trade the enemy of the people. (The current U.S. president has changed the enemy of the people from illicit drugs to the media).

After half a century, the war on drugs is a pathetic failure. The number of victims increases every year and now can be counted in the hundreds of thousands.

More than 70,000 people died of drug overdoses in the U.S. in 2017. Complete figures for 2018 are not available but will be even higher because drug overdose deaths have increased every year since the late 1990s.

Canadian statistical gathering and reporting is disorganized and bureaucratic, but it is safe to say that 3,000 to 4,000 Canadians die every year of drug overdoses.

Drug overdosing used to be mainly a big city problem. No longer. Statistical evidence shows that opioid poisoning rates are two to three times higher in some small centres than in the big cities.

Reading *The Border* will give anyone a better understanding of why we are losing the war.

For instance, early in the book the main character, drug war soldier Art Keller, is riding a Washington, D.C.-to-New York City train. He stares out the window at the shells of closed factories along the route.

What happened to most of the workers, he wonders, even though he knows the answer. Far too many of them are unemployed and spending their time shooting up smack.

"It's tempting to think that the root causes of the heroin epidemic are in Mexico," Keller says to himself. . . . "but the real source is right here and in scores of smaller cities and towns."

That is a key message about the drug crisis. The problem is rooted not in Mexico nor any other country that produces illicit drugs. The problem is rooted in American and Canadian societies.

Rooted here because we want the drugs. If we did not want the drugs, the illicit market would dry up and blow away. Cartels and drug gangs would disappear. So would the migrant masses crowding the U.S. southern border, all trying to escape the horrors of the drug trafficking wars in Mexico and Central and South America.

Drugs are a response to pain. People take them to escape physical or mental pain. Most illicit drug users want to escape mental pain created by the world around them.

Our approach to illicit drug use has been a military one – hunt down and lock up traffickers and users. Perhaps a better approach is to concentrate on what is causing the pain in our society.

It's a social health problem. We need to look at the causes and try to eliminate or fix them.

We needn't look far: shrinking job markets, inequality, poverty, racism, poor educational policies, the rise of far right thinking, the decline of our planet's natural state and the resulting change in climates.

As the author said in an interview with *Time* magazine:

"We spend billions of dollars buying the drugs and billions of dollars trying to keep the drugs out. Let's spend these billions of dollars addressing the roots of the drug problem"

Movement snacks

THIS ARTICLE is not about food. I can understand why you would think it is given that the definition of a snack is a small amount of food eaten between meals. What if we rethink the word "snack" and make it a "small amount of anything," specifically movement? I cannot take credit for the idea of movement snacks. I got it from a post by The Foot Collective (valuable health information is provided by this organization).

I love the idea of having snacks of movement throughout the day. It's something I've been preaching for years. Our population would be much healthier if we got up and moved more throughout the day. We all know this. It has been proven that exercising an hour a day does not undo all of the damage done by sitting for 10 hours a day that the average Canadian does. This does not mean that scheduled exercise sessions are a waste of time because they are valuable, it's that they are not enough. The message is that we shouldn't be lulled into a false of security around our health. It's important to be aware of the benefit you are truly getting from the time that you invest working out.

The way I see it is getting out for a walk, run, ski, cycle or going to the gym provides as much in the way of mental/emotional benefits as it does physical benefits. It's that change of scenery and/or social interaction

that keeps the mind from getting too cluttered with the "to dos" that fill our days. So don't change that part of your routine. The idea here is to add more to what you are already doing. Before you panic consider these ideas:

- Every time you stand up do five squats, five jumping jacks, or five lunges.
- Stand up every hour and do push-ups at the wall or at your desk.
- Do a walking lunge when you head to the washroom or to the kitchen to get a coffee (an image of Monty Python's Ministry of Silly Walks just popped into my head).
- Dance - there is music everywhere, let it move you.
- If you can, place a yoga mat or a towel on the floor and every time you walk by it do a Burpee. If you re-route yourself

to avoid the mat you'll likely end up adding extra steps to your day so it all works out.

All of these movements can be done within 30 seconds and without sweating. Before you know it you will have added 30 push-ups or 50 squats to your day without breaking a sweat. That's pretty sweet.

Something to think about.

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Practical Fitness

Beware of phishing and ransom scams

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police Anti-Rackets Branch, Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and Ontario's Serious Fraud Office are warning Ontario residents to check their emails, phone messages and computer pop-ups. All are tools that criminals can use to extort money and personal information from you.

Phishing, ransom and service scams have the same basic goal. Typically, individuals make contact with you through your computer or via text message to tell you that you have won a prize or that you owe a sum of money. Some fraudsters will tell you that they can provide telecommunications, internet, financial, medical and energy services for special or preferred rates. Although 95 per cent of the crimes go unreported, phishing, ransom and service scams cost victims approximately \$15 million across Canada; approximately \$7 million in Ontario. According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre approximately 6,000 people fell victim to these scams in 2018.

Investigators find two commonly used scams. In one version, the victim receives an email or someone calls pretending to represent a well-known computer-based company, and claims that the victim's computer is sending out viruses or has been hacked. The scammer will request to gain remote access to the computer and may run some programs or change some settings. The scammer will then advise that a fee is required for the service and request credit card information. In some cases, the scammer will send a transfer from the victim's computer through a money service. The end result is that the victim pays for a service that was never needed as the computer was never infected.

The Serious Fraud Office indicates a more

surreptitious, large scale phishing and ransom scam is in circulation. Malware-infected emails were opened by employees of a large retail store that unintentionally launched a phishing attack, allowing hackers to steal the vendor's credentials. Once the vendor information was successfully obtained, the company's customer database was exploited, exposing millions of clients, including customers' names, mailing addresses and other personal information. The data breach revealed millions of customers' credit and debit card information. In the end, the company estimated that the data breach caused a multi-million dollar loss.

Tips to prevent phishing, ransom and service scams:

If you were using your computer when you got scammed, it is possible that a virus or other malicious software is still on your computer. Run a full anti-virus check using reliable security software. If you do not have security software (such as virus scanners and a firewall) installed on your computer, a reputable computer professional can help you find what you need.

Scammers may have also gained access to your online passwords. Change these using a secure computer.

If you paid someone by credit card or through an electronic funds transfer (e-transfer), contact your financial institution or credit card company immediately. They may be able to reverse or stop the transaction.

Those who believe they are a victim of a phishing, ransom or service scam, should contact the local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by phone at 1-888-495-8501 or through their website, www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.



Mary, second from left, and Genevieve, far right, from Moore Falls visited the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library with Grandma Pat MacLean and Dad Michael MacLean.

Making the most of March Break

The Minden library branch was a busy place during March Break, especially during Storytime activities and Mini-Maker sessions, like this one seen here on March 13. On March 11, about 35 kids attended a March Break special event./
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Violet Humphries considers which move to make while playing Quirkle at the Family Fun Night hosted by the Stanhope Recreation Committee on March 12.

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In a rare indoor photo, Joleen Thomas poses with the board game box after winning a game of Quirkle played with family and friends. The evening was designed to bring families together to unplug, and the Stanhope Recreation Committee is considering hosting similar nights in the future.

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County to address potholes, heaving

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The freezing and thawing weather patterns of this winter have left a number of county roads in extremely poor condition, and the county's public works department is working on it.

"You might have noticed that some of our roads are potholing and heaving," public works director Craig Douglas told councillors on the county's roads advisory committee during a March 13 meeting.

"I'm curious why staff and council's authority doesn't extend to the weather so we could remedy that," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "I have a couple of constituents who have that question on their mind."

One of the worst affected county-owned roads has been South Lake Road, which extends between County Road 1 and Highway 35 in Minden.

"That's an easy one to cover, because we are spending

money to resurface that," Douglas said. "Not all the roads are getting resurfaced that are blowing out."

Douglas said the road conditions are being caused by freezing and thawing.

"The water's freezing in those cracks . . . thaws, freezes, pops out," he said.

There's been significant heaving and potholing on County Road 10 and some on County Road 21 between Haliburton Village and Minden, which is normally not very affected by such conditions because of the high grade of the road.

"It's a former highway . . . it's starting to heave a little bit," Douglas said.

On Glamorgan Road, "the usual spots are coming back," Douglas said, adding, "We're working to repave the southern portion and get rid of the freeze, thaw in there . . . and get rid of the water to make that road a little happier."

"I have no control over the weather either," Douglas said, adding that winters with freeze/thaw patterns are likely to become the new normal.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS: THE COUNCIL BROTHERS

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Jim and Paul Mitchell are, like many siblings, alike in many ways.

Their voices are similar, and they gently rib each other with the familiarity that comes with their lifelong relationship as both brothers and friends. They both have glaucoma that affects the intensity of light on their vision and both have depth perception challenges with their vision that they joke makes them function best when they are together.

Also like many siblings, they are complete opposites to each other.

Jim likes to chat, with Paul noting he can't keep track of him at social functions. Paul says he's more an introvert, but Jim said he's social enough, just a bit quieter. Jim can, according to Paul, read a novel a night, while Paul prefers time spent with an aluminum boat, a fishing pole and his dog.

Together, the two share an interest that puts them side-by-side on the same bench about twice a month: Minden Hills municipal council meetings.

They've been so often in the past five years – likely about 50 times, Jim estimates – that the two have even been jokingly compared by local township staff to Statler and Waldorf, the Jim Henson Muppet characters who watch performances from the show's balcony seats. The Mitchell brothers are significantly less likely than those characters to heckle and jeer, but they have definitely made themselves a consistent sight to see at the council meetings.

"We're almost like mascots there now," laughed Jim. "One time, [Mayor Brent Devolin] walked up to me and said, 'we were really getting worried, the Mitchell Brothers haven't been here for the last two meetings.'"

The brothers have long been connected to the Minden area, having moved to the area in the early '50s at age two and five when their parents purchased the Silverwood Lodge on Canning Lake. (A third brother was born later.) They speak of their earliest memories being in this area, before life took them to Toronto and Peterborough, returning to the area full-time after careers with Hydro.

They can be seen contributing as members of the community to volunteer initiatives, as local event guests and as regular music concert goers, but their interest in the community extends to following local government more than most residents.

"Every time a meeting comes up, I'll phone Paul or he'll phone me," said Jim. "Do you want to go to council on Thursday?"

There wasn't necessarily a reason they started going, but Jim notes that his years with his cottage association made him particularly interested in some topics.

"...[I]t gave me an opportunity to really keep abreast of what was going on in the municipality for my cottage association," he said, remembering the influence of Morgan Loucks from Canning Lake. "Morgan was just a really interesting guy. He used to come to the meetings, to council meetings, all the time and he used to report back, particularly on anything that might have a potential to impact on the lake environment or seasonally."

"I think the fact that we were both basically raised up here," said Paul. "My earliest memories are up here. It's in my blood. And you're curious as to what goes on, you're concerned and it's interesting."

The brothers sit in the front bench, usually in the same spot, at the twice-monthly meetings. They refer to staff and councillors and the press who also attend regularly on a first name basis, having struck up conversation before meetings or during breaks.



Brothers Paul and Jim Mitchell are regular attendees at Minden Hills council meetings, where they are greeted by councillors and staff, and missed when not in attendance. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

"It becomes addictive after awhile because each council meeting tends to produce another point," said Paul. "And that's fodder for us to say, sure, let's go. And if we don't show up for any given reason now, I guess we're such regulars that [we hear], oh, we missed you guys."

At meetings which are not particularly well-attended by the public, the brothers (and fellow regular council goer Diane Peacock) stand out. "We go because we have an interest I think," said Jim. "And if we have the time as well. A lot of issues are important to us. It's just interesting to me to go and see local government work because you've heard the clichés about that's the closest you ever get to what's really going on is municipal government ... Municipal is what impacts on you directly, you know, the quality of roads, whether your snow gets plowed or your lakes get polluted or whatever."

"It gives you definitely an understanding as to how things operate," said Paul. "Your road conditions up here, and things like that. A lot of things, people don't even realize. They just expect things to be done and why aren't they?"

"One of the things we've both learned is that you have a better understanding of the difficulties council has in making decisions, especially around the budget stuff," said Jim. "I don't think as a layperson ... I don't think any community is better served with the newspaper coverage, but unless you're sitting there, you don't really realize what a balancing act it is, and how you can't have everything all the time and you can't have anything without taxes ... I'm glad that I go because it helps me better understand what the rationale is behind all of these decisions. You might not agree with all of them, I certainly don't, but you see how hard people work to try to come to the right decision. And it's not always right. But if you don't do that, see it in person occasionally, then you have no idea. You form an opinion based on something you've read somewhere and that's it, that's what you stick with."

"You certainly get a sense of feeling of how their minds are working," said Paul.

Because of the amount of time they've spent in council chambers, the brothers share insight they have garnered about individual councillors – some who they went to school with or who they've worked with on committees – and how each works to make decisions. They discuss interesting occurrences they've seen take place, usually related to resident concerns or major decisions and topics they look forward to seeing come to council. After one recent delegation they took their visit to council meeting one step further.

"People were standing up and they had pictures of all sorts of stuff, about how people were trespassing on property and parking

these giant trucks and trailers and ATVing into the wilderness and blocking driveways and Paul says to me at the break, 'I know exactly what they're talking about. I know exactly that spot,'" said Jim. "And after the meeting he took me up there. We drove up and we actually looked at the area that we'd just seen the pictures of ... So I learn a little bit each time as well."

They don't think it's particularly special that they attend council meetings frequently, but they do notice it's not a common practice for most people.

"Unless there is some big event, usually when we drive in we can tell whether there's a delegation or some sort of interest, where the place is full, and there's some special interest delegation," said Jim. "We're often the only two or three people there. And people wonder why we are."

"It's nice to see what's going on and listen to other people's opinion and things," said Paul.

"We both read all the local papers from front to back," said Jim. "I think we like to know what's going on in the community we live in. We've often spoken between the two of us about why more people don't show up at council. They're not riveting ... Some days it's like watching paint dry. I believe, and I think Paul does too, that if you're not informed on what's going on in your community you really don't have a lot of right to bitch and complain about it ... We're just amazed because the community is such a large community of retired people ... you'd think that chamber would be packed with people, just to keep up on what's going on."

Jim notes that residents could go to every other meeting and still keep up on what's happening. And the brothers agree it's become more comfortable the longer they've been there.

"We actually got a padded cushion for our bench," said Paul.

"After a couple of years of this past council, somebody made a comment one day about how hard the benches were," laughed Jim. "We said, 'yeah, it'd be really nice to get comfortable seating for your gallery here.' And about a month later there were padded cushions on the benches. I'm not sure if it had anything to do with our comments or whether it was part of the plan but they're there now."

"We're working on the heating system and piped-in music," laughed Paul.

After council meetings, Jim and Paul often head out together to discuss what they've heard.

"We usually go out to lunch after," said Jim, and then, laughing: "That's the other big incentive, we get to go to Dairy Queen and have a \$7 lunch."

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Homemade Stew to feature local talent

The Haliburton County Folk Society is once again highlighting the multitude of Haliburton Highlands talent with the sixth annual Homemade Stew concert on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing

Arts Pavilion.

Walter Tose, folk society member, says, "With all new artists save one, Homemade Stew 6 promises to offer another wonderful evening showcasing talented local

musicians."

Barrie Martin, president of the folk society, says, "We are discovering new local talent all of the time. Many of the Homemade Stew performers have caught our eye (and ear) at

the Folk Society's monthly open stage."

This year's event has taken the concept of local talent to a new level with the inclusion of portraits of locally connected musicians by Harvey Walker. In an effort to challenge himself Walker committed to painting at least one portrait a week since last July.

Walker says, "what better subject matter for portraits than musicians who live or have played in the Haliburton Highlands." There will be 30 16-by-20 oil portraits displayed, with each being priced at \$100. The paintings pick up on features integral to each subject and ooze their individual characters. Twenty percent of the earnings will be donated to the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and same percentage donated to the Haliburton County Folk Society.

The lineup will take the audience on a musical journey through an eclectic array of genres. The musicians range in age from young teens to seniors and everything in between. There are accomplished vocalists as well as instrumentalists playing a variety of instruments such as harmonicas, horns, guitars and even two harps.

This year's lineup, presented in two acts, includes The Country Hot Flashes, Tom Oliver, Just Jodi, Cassidy Glecoff (with Spencer Devolin, as well as Marques and Lucas Bortolussi), The Salt Cellars, Jacob Outram, Essonville Hank, Marie Watson and Grace Judge, Cheeky Monkey, and Gary and the Rough Ideas. As has become the custom there will be a grand finale act including all the musicians in the performance. This year it will be led by Gary and the Rough Ideas. Once again Mike Jaycock will be bringing his wit and charm in his role as master of ceremonies.

Tickets for the concert are available online at www.haliburtonfolk.com, Halco Electronics/The Source in Haliburton and On The Spot Variety in Minden. For more information call 705-754-FOLK or visit www.haliburtonfolk.com. This event always sells out so please purchase your tickets early so you are not disappointed.

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Storm players exceeded expectations heading into finals

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Highland Storm Midget coach James Reilly is proud of his team for advancing to the OMHA provincial final for Midget CC teams against the Twin Centre Stars, which is near Kitchener.

Reilly came into the season with a relatively young team and focused on development and characterized the all-provincial berth as a victory.

Win or lose, his highlight is now.

"Just the fact they made it to the final. I think they're winners already and if they win this it's a bonus. I'm not going to sugarcoat it. We didn't expect to go this far this year. When you're developing first and second year players normally when they start approaching the third year or in their third year, you want to see that all come to light. Some of them have surprised me. The first and second year players have stepped up way, way above expectations I thought. The highlight is being here right now," he said.

Part of the surprise to the post-season success derives from the "struggle" of the regular season. The team finished the regular season 8-10-4.

The team is playing well and is peaking now, Reilly said.

Heading into the final, the team had won nine of its last 12 games, including the 3-1 series win over the Bancroft Jets to get to the finals.

"They've really started to find themselves. Peaking at the right time (for an athlete) is a key to success. In this case it's actually happening," he said.

Since Reilly's interview with the *Times*, the team has won two straight games this past weekend to take a 2-0 lead in the best of five series. Both games were close, decided by one goal.

On Saturday, March 16, the Storm won 1-0 at Wellesley Arena and then followed up that win with a 2-1 win at home at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The team is scheduled to play game three, and, if necessary, game four this weekend.

The next home game is Sunday, March 24 at the A.J. LaRue in Haliburton. The puck drops at 2 p.m.

Game five (and six if tied) is scheduled the weekend after to decide the best-of-five series.

If it is tied due to points after five games then a sixth game will be played and is scheduled at 2 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. If this game ends tied after regulation, the game will be decided by the first goal, however long is required.

A major contributor to the team's success is its ability to adapt to challenges related to a shorter bench caused by injuries this season (several concussions, broken wrist, collarbone).

Reilly said it forced players to do more than expected such as learn how to play a new position. The coach thought some of these injuries was due to the difference in physical maturity between 16-year-old players and the upper range of eligible 19-year-olds, he said.

Concussions not only happened to several first year players, but also to the team's captain, Shawn Walker. Reilly had high praise for the team's leader, who has led the Storm in how he plays and how he carries himself.

"Great player. Great leader. A really good athlete. A lot of the younger players look up to him. He leads by example in every way," he said. "Super, super guy."

The team also received strong leadership from team as-



Above, the Highland Storm Midgets played game two against the Twin Center Stars on Sunday, March 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, winning the game 2-1. Game three will be played away and if needed, they will return to Haliburton on Sunday for game four. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

sistants, Benn MacNaull and Lucas Haedicke.

During the high school playoffs, Walker was injured, but is ready to play this final and Reilly appreciates his captain's durability.

"The kid is tough as nails. He's had a few minor injuries that have kept him out of a few games here and there. Right now he is healthy," he said.

Many of the third-year players moved on from last year's team, which not only advanced to the OMHA finals, but swept their opponents to win it all.

The five third-year players from last year, who have been leaders are goalie Carson Sisson, Nik Dollo, Haedicke, Owen Gilbert and captain Walker.

"They're there to motivate and mentor the younger kids and younger men coming in. I think they wanted it. They saw what happened last year. Of course they want to win and buying into what the coaching staff is teaching them, taking on the role they have to and have put systems in place. They truly believe in themselves and great guidance from the [five] that came back from last year so they've been really good with working with younger players on the team," he said.

The team's roster also includes MacNaull, Reese Casey, Tyson Clements, Brendan Coumbs, Desi Davies, Jacob Mitchell, Zach Morissette, Aiden Neave, Braeden Robinson, Nigel Smith, Braeden Vasey and goalie Ethan Glecoff.

As far as the Storm players who were part of the Red Hawks hockey team that came up just short in earning an all-provincial berth with the loss in the COSSA final, Reilly said they have added motivation.

"Their focus was a little spread out. Now they can focus on this achievement that's in front of them. They're playing with a little bit of grit because of [it]. It's definitely given

them some drive," he said.

Reilly emphasized the success of this team takes an entire cast of people.

He appreciates the support of players' parents, but most of all the efforts of his staff, which includes manager Robert Vasey, goalie coach Clay Glecoff, and his assistant coaches Rich Smith and David Dollo.

"The team wouldn't have accomplished what they have without the staff we have in place. They're stellar guys to work with. They're really good hockey guys. It's a privilege to work with them for sure," he said.

Among the parents includes Suzanne Haedicke, mother to third-year player and team assistant Lucas.

She was a regular contributor to the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* newspapers, providing dispatches of the team's games this 2018-2019 season.

Haedicke said "one of our greatest strengths" is experienced third-year player Sisson.

As far as the team's make-up in terms of strengths and weaknesses, she said "Drive and determination have brought the Midgets into the finals. For some players, it's their first year at this level of hockey. They rely on the top five third-year players to set the stage. They definitely have the offence to challenge and need to work hard defensively. The experienced coaching staff is a great asset in utilizing each player's best strengths. Hard work pays off and this team did what it took to get into the finals. Good luck to them."

Note:

Regulation time is divided into three 15 minute periods and then 10 minutes for overtime. A single point for each team will be awarded if the game is tied after the overtime finishes.

Highland Storm Midgets work hard for 2-0 lead against Stars

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Highland Storm Midgets started the Ontario finals this weekend against the Twin Center Stars.

The Storm team duffed the Stars by taking a 2-0 lead in the series. The first game was played in Wellesley, Saturday, March 16 and was a 1-0 shutout win for the Storm.

The intense playoff action started at puck drop. Both teams went head to head trying to

score. The only goal came midway through the first period. Storm set up to attack in the Stars' end, Smith flipped the puck to Vasey and his point shot scored. The evenly matched teams entertained the crowd with end to end action.

The Storm team returned home leading 1-0 in the series with a well-earned shut-out win for Sisson.

The next day, the packed Haliburton arena

saw the Storm team capture game two, 2-1. It was a scoreless first period, both teams working aggressively hard. The Stars managed a power-play goal early in the second period.

Shortly after, the Storm team answered back. Dollo started up ice, left the puck for Haedicke, who drove hard to the net, made a quick pass to Smith and he chipped in the tying goal.

The action continued, late in the period,

the Storm team charged at the Stars. Quick passes around the net, found Smith ready to make it a 2-1 game.

The third period was scoreless and saw a busy penalty box as the frustrations grew.

Great job to the entire Midget team, they all worked hard for the win and now have a 2-0 lead in the final series.

By Suzanne Haedicke



Good Luck

to the Midgets at the OMHA finals



1 Ethan Glecoff



2 Shawn Walker



3 Aiden Neave



4 Braeden Vasey



5 Brendan Coumbs



6 Lucas Haedicke



7 Zach Morissette



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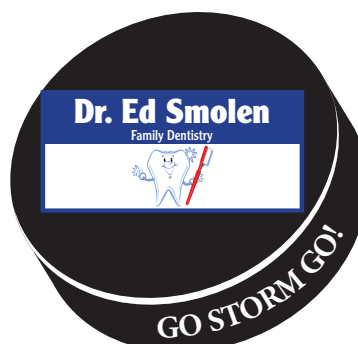
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 Sunday, March 24 - Haliburton 2 pm Sunday, March 31 - Haliburton 2 pm



Coles repeats podium finish at OFSAA

The 2019 wrestling season wrapped up last week with five Red Hawks competing at the OFSAA Wrestling Championships. The competition was held in Ottawa from March 4 to 6 and drew more than 750 wrestlers from across the province. It is the largest wrestling tournament in North America, and this year, the calibre of competition was excellent.

Charlotte Paton and Connie Oh represented the HHSS women's team in the 64 kilogram and 57.5 kilogram weight categories respectively. For both women, this was their first appearance at OFSAA. Paton and Oh wrestled extremely well and each ended the tournament with one win and two losses.

Austin Weller was entered in an extremely competitive 72 kilogram weight class. Weller narrowly lost his second match, ending his OFSAA run. Teammate Nic Graham (89 kilogram) wrestled extremely well, posting

two wins and two losses, improving on his record from last year's OFSAA performance. Graham is excited to return to the event next year in his quest for the podium.

Senior wrestler Aidan Coles returned to the all-provincials for a second consecutive year. He did not disappoint with a fantastic result at OFSAA. He finished the tournament with four wins and two losses to finish in fifth in the province in the 95 kilogram weight division. Coles is the first male wrestler from HHSS to reach the OFSAA podium (top six) in two consecutive years and his coaches are extremely proud of his accomplishments throughout his high school wrestling career. The coaching staff from the University of Toronto wrestling team were actively recruiting Coles as a result of his performance.

Congratulations to the entire team on a terrific season.

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Answers on page 18

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Bonspiel sweeps into spring

The annual Sweep Into Spring Ladies Bonspiel took place at the Minden Curling Club on March 15 and 16. Special thanks to our Sponsor Ommmh Beauty Boutique. We would also like to thank the many local businesses that contributed to our draw table.

Winning team from Minden was Pauline Plooard, Jane Boyd, Sandy Bell and Betty Goad.

Second went to the Minden Team of Melanie Vigrass, Carol Alain, Vickey Wellman and Wendy Wood.

Fourth was the Minden team of Joyce Nilsson, Janice Cook, Winn Taylor and Suzy Landry.

Best Team Costumes was Allison Mallette's rink.

Submitted by Mary Copeland



Whooping cough cases prompt reminder from health unit

The local health unit is urging parents to make sure their children's immunizations are up-to-date after being notified of one laboratory confirmed case and three linked cases of pertussis in a Northumberland County family.

Pertussis, also called whooping cough, is a serious bacterial infection of the respiratory system. It is easily spread through droplets in the air from the coughing or sneezing of an infected person. While anyone can get whooping cough, it is most dangerous for children under the age of one year, and pregnant women.

Whooping cough typically starts with a runny nose and an irritating cough that becomes more frequent or severe, often followed by vomiting, says Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease prevention and control with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Once a person is infected, it can take up to 20 days for them to develop symptoms," she says.

The health unit was notified this week that one case of whooping cough had been confirmed with laboratory testing, and that three other family members in the same household are ill with symptoms. Those ill were either not vaccinated or partially vaccinated against the virus.

Whooping cough is preventable through immunization, and Rock says the reminder

to parents about their children's vaccinations comes at a time when the health unit has been busy sending notices to area students whose vaccination records are not up-to-date. These notices tell families that if vaccination records are not updated, or a valid exemption for medical, conscience or religious reasons is not submitted to the health unit, students will be suspended from school starting in April.

"While it is not the health unit's intent to suspend students, there is a requirement for all students to be vaccinated," Rock notes. "Vaccines are free, safe and effective, and help protect young people against very serious diseases."

The current cases of whooping cough are recovering at home, Rock says, and the health unit has been following up with anyone who may have been in contact with the family. At this time, there does not appear to be any additional cases, but she encourages anyone who develops symptoms to contact their health care provider or emergency room to arrange for testing.

The health unit is also holding immunization clinics for students or people who do not have a health care provider. To learn more, or to book an appointment, call the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Submitted by HKPR Health Unit



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-024/18
Applicant: James & Heather MacDonald
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 25, Con. 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
2. File No. H-025/18
Applicant: James & Heather MacDonald
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 25, Con. 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way
3. File No. H-004/19
Applicant: Brenda Buckingham
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 4, Con. 2, Geographic Township of Livingstone
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of March, 2019.

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Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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Hawk Lake Bridge Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Study Completion

Background

The County of Haliburton has completed an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to determine the preferred method of improvement to address structural condition, roadway safety and hydraulic capacity at the Hawk Lake Bridge on Little Hawk Lake Road in Algonquin Highlands. The preferred solution is to replace the superstructure with a single-span sympathetic truss. The sympathetic truss will mitigate the heritage impact, and the truss will be raised to improve hydraulic capacity at this location. The study area is shown on the map provided on the reverse of this notice.

Study Process

This study was carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act for a Schedule B project. The findings of the Class EA process have been documented in the Project File Report.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public and stakeholder groups that as of Monday March 18, 2019, the complete Project File Report is available for review at the County of Haliburton office (11 Newcastle St., Minden), the Township of Algonquin Highlands office (1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands) and available for download on the County website. Interested persons are encouraged to review the report and provide written comments to the County within the 30-day review period, Monday March 18, 2019 to Thursday April 18, 2019, directed to the project contacts below:

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The County of Haliburton
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Engineering Assistant - Capital Projects
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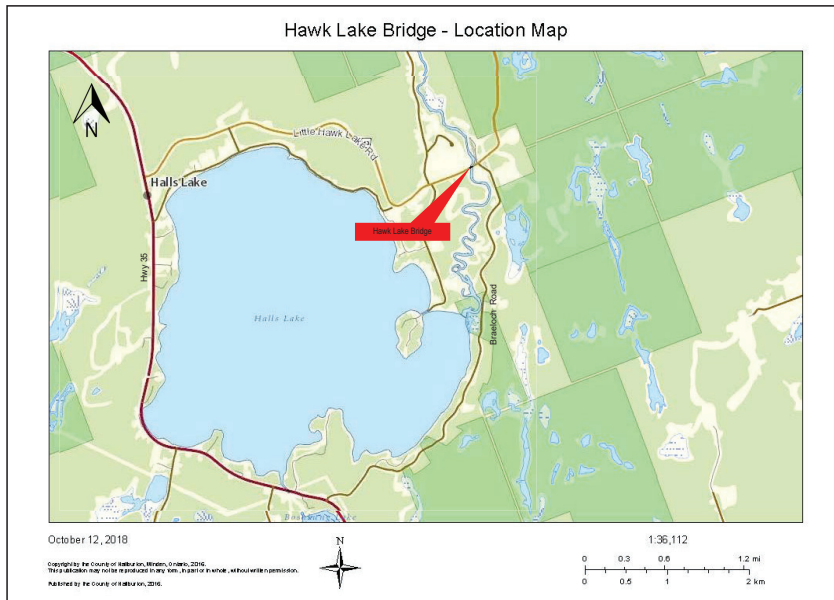
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Project Manager
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If concerns arise regarding this project which cannot be resolved in discussion with the County, you may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. A Part II Order Request Form must be used to request a Part II Order. The Part II Order Request form is available online on the Forms Repository Website (<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca>) by searching "Part II Order" or "012-2206E" (the form number). Requests are to be submitted to the Minister, and copied to the County, before the end of the review period. If there is not a request received by April 18, 2019, the project may proceed based on the identified preferred solution.

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All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.



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Highlands East Figure Skating Club

Rockin '50s and '60s Ice Show

When: Saturday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, Wilberforce
Admission by donation.

Lenten Lunch

When: March 27

Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden

Service at 12 noon, followed by soup lunch.

By donation

Highlands Little Theatre presents Glorious

When: March 27 through to March 29 at 7:30 p.m. and a

2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, March 30

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

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For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Lenten Lunch

When: April 3

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Where: Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Rd.

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Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church

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Reptiles visit hatchery

Left, a staff member from Scales Nature Park introduces attendees of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's annual Reptile Road Show to a black rat snake at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery on March 16.

Below left, families filled the Haliburton Fish Hatchery for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Reptile Road Show. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Below right, this Blanding's turtle was one of a number of creatures to make an appearance.



Getting a piece of \$30 billion

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Last week, the provincial government announced a new \$30-billion infrastructure funding program, and Haliburton County officials are watching to see how they go about getting a piece of that funding.

County public works director Craig Douglas told councillors during a March 13 roads advisory committee meeting that he'd been looking into details, which were not yet available in great abundance.

"It's \$30 billion over 10 years, shared between all levels of government, broken into a number of streams," Douglas said.

According to the province's website, "The funding falls un-

der the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, which will unlock up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial, and local investments in communities across the province over the next 10 years."

The first intake period of the program will be for rural and northern municipalities. It begins this week, and is open for eight weeks.

Douglas said it was unclear whether the program was replacing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

Noting the initial intake period is not very long, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin wondered if next time the committee met (committees meet monthly), they might have some direction from Douglas as to what the county's priorities might be in terms of applications to the program.

"Absolutely," Douglas said.

"Because I think everybody's going to be scrambling," Devolin said, indicating he thought the first round might be undersubscribed, and adding he'd be comfortable taking out loans to cover the county portion of projects if the conditions were favourable.

"If it's a one-time windfall, from my perspective, I normally wouldn't debenture something like that, but I would certainly entertain it if the situation was right," he said. "This is a pot of money we might not see like this for another decade."

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Striking success to fund VDO

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

For some Haliburton County residents, their beaming smiles and confidence can be credited to the efforts of the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County.

VDO is a charity that provides free dental care to low-income residents of Haliburton County.

Its origins and continued success are based on the dedication of volunteers, including dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental office administrators.

Since it started in May of 2011, VDO has provided 7,275 appointments worth \$2,584,937 in free dental care to 851 patients.

In an effort to meet an \$18,000 fundraising goal this year, VDO is hosting its first bowlathon Dollars for Dentures on Saturday, March 30 at Fast Lane Bowling in the Shell Plaza on Highway 35 in Minden.

Local dentist Steve Kerr said he has been responsible for making and repairing the dentures at VDO since he started his career two and a half years ago.

“It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life,” he wrote in an email. “We see a lot of neglected mouths at VDO. I regularly see dentures that are 30 or 40 years old. I

once had a patient tell me her denture was over 50 years old. I once saw a patient at VDO whose lower denture fit so poorly, she had to roll a piece of paper towel and place it between her gums and the denture every morning. The most rewarding cases are transitioning someone who has sore, decayed or infected natural teeth, into a nice clean looking set of dentures.

“People often don’t realize the chronic pain their teeth cause them until they are removed. And I get the opportunity to rebuild their smiles. It can’t be understated how much a beautiful new smile can impact a person’s self confidence, relationships or career.”

VDO director Lisa Kerr said this fundraiser will be specifically helping with major expenses related to the commercial lab fees required to make dentures, which have to be produced off-site.

The denture budget for this fiscal year for commercial lab fees is \$15,000, Lisa Kerr said. This is over and above the general overhead expenses of running the clinic. VDO has already spent more than \$11,500 on commercial lab fees.

“A lot of our patients require full or partial dentures, so we hope to raise money to offset some of those costs,” she said in an email.

Since VDO was started \$89,000 has been spent on commercial lab fees.

“It got to the point where the VDO board discussed having

to limit the number of cases we could provide if we didn’t specifically fundraise for dentures. Knowing the need in the community we really didn’t want to tell people we have hit our target for this year and you will have to wait until we have more money for lab fees,” she said.

More than 400 dentures have been made for patients, plus repairs and relines.

In addition to dental services, VDO also provides education about preventative dental care, communicates with the community about the importance of access to dental care and the services of Volunteer Dental Outreach, engages and retains volunteers and ensures financial sustainability through partnerships, volunteer effort, donated services and resources and fundraising. More information on the VDO is available at www.dental-outreach.com.

Anyone interested in being considered for this program can contact VDO at 705-457-3111.

Although the bowlathon’s first flight from 2 to 4 p.m. is sold out, there is still availability with the second flight open from 4 to 6 p.m. Contact VDO director Mark Arike at markarika@gmail.com or 705-854-0605 to join.



Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, March 11

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Chris Cote – 179

Men – Gary Hunt – 206

This Week’s Highs – Women

High Single – Chris Cote – 213

High Single Hcp – June Beadle – 254

High Triple – Chris Cote – 616

High Triple Hcp – Chris Cote – 730

This Week’s Highs – Men

High Single – Fred Phipps – 227

High Single Hcp – Fred Phipps – 262

High Triple – Fred Phipps – 565

High Triple Hcp – Fred Phipps – 670

Tuesday afternoon, March 12

Men

High Average Claude Cote 203

High Single – Neil Darby 270

High Single H/C – Neil Darby 296

High Triple – Neil Darby 623

High Triple H/C – Neil Darby 701

Women

High Average – Chris Cote 184

High Single – Lisa Ross 251

High Single H/C – Lisa Ross 313

High Triple – Chris Cote 539

High Triple – H/C Lisa Ross 721

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Skylar Pratt 214

Casey Heley 187

Emily Boccitto 172

Kim Buie 149

Susan Cahia 142

Alyssa Whitaker 142



County of Haliburton Notices

2019 Budget, Tax Ratios, Tax Rates

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that Haliburton County Council will be approving the 2019 budget, tax ratios and tax rates on the following date:

• Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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Laurie Scott speaks to home builders

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Labour Minister Laurie Scott was introduced as being a “champion” of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association on March 14 prior to her addressing the 64-member companies group at a dinner meeting held at the Bonnie View Inn.

Scott was invited to the dinner to discuss industry issues at the local level, and told the crowd she was “always happy” to be in Haliburton, where she said she had good conversations on the streets and at local dinner parties. Scott is serving her fifth term in office and was named Ontario Labour Minister in Premier Doug Ford’s cabinet.

“It’s a bit different being minister,” she said. “I have to tell you I was a little surprised when I got the call after the election and they said, ‘hey, want to be Minister of Labour?’ I’m like, ‘Labour, did you get the right phone number?’ But it’s so fascinating and fun because it affects so many people obviously, workers, employers, and there’s so much you can do.”

Scott said she had been exceptionally busy as Minister of Labour in the almost nine months she has been in office, that there was a big learning curve but she is still excited about the role.

“I’ll tell you a little bit tonight about being Minister of Labour and some of the things we’ve done,” she said. “But also about the things that we want to do as we move forward. We want to make this province as prosperous as we can and we need everybody in this room to be part of it.”

A mention of last September’s announcement of an elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board’s insurance fund’s unfunded liability which Scott said enables premium rate cuts for employers received a round of applause from Haliburton County Home Builders Association members in attendance.

“Just in the WSIB premiums alone it was \$1.45 billion in-



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Labour Minister Laurie Scott speaks to the Haliburton County Home Builders Association at a dinner meeting held March 15 at Bonnie View Inn. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

jections into the economy,” she said. “It is huge.”

Scott spoke to the changes to apprenticeship ratios made through the Making Ontario Open for Business Act, changing to a one-to-one journeyman to apprentice ratio. She said

the challenge surrounding high apprentice ratios had been on her radar for years.

“It has been a very long time in bringing that to fruition,”

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Scott trying to bring Ford to Haliburton

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she said, noting the importance of addressing apprentice ratios for “experienced” people in Haliburton County who are looking to train young recruits.

She said if she “came back again,” she would pursue skilled trades and said she tells young people working in trades is lucrative and in high demand.

“You have [64]-member companies just up here, 700 people, so well-done,” she said. You’re huge economic drivers in Haliburton County, so thank you for employing, for training, to want to take on more.”

The Ford government announced last October it would abolish the Ontario College of Trades. “I can’t say enough ... the College of Trades does not have any power anymore, we’re getting rid of that,” said Scott to more applause.

“I heard that a lot in Haliburton,” she said. “I come to Haliburton for a reality check. People give it to you straight up. But [the College is] frustration, unneeded, I swear, two or three elections we fought that, honest to heavens, it seems like a long time. And it was just a bureaucratic barrier, cost fees, it wasn’t just a college that you got further education, it was more just red tape and regulation.”

Scott said the provincial government was going to “modernize” health and safety training by replacing the five-day in-class training with online training. “People actually had to come in to the city,” she said. “You can still come in if you want but it gives that flexibility and actually gets more employees engaged. Has anybody tested those virtual learning yet for even heights training? Like it’s pretty real. You couldn’t get that engagement in a classroom. Virtual learning is incredible. You’re going to see more IT access to training programs. Health and safety is number one, we’re not compromising that but we’re modernizing a lot of the Ministry of Labour.”

She acknowledged the repeal of Bill 148, discussion around Bill 66, passing back-to-work legislation ending last year’s York University strike and preventing a Power

Workers’ Union strike.

“All told, labour reforms will have saved governments and businesses more than \$4 billion annually, and I say just so far, because I hope they let me do a lot more,” she said. “I’ve got a lot more that we want to do.”

Scott said the government had been working to make changes they “feel are reasonable.”

“Ontario is changing its dynamic, it’s getting competitive with other provinces, it’s a place we’d like to do business so we’re going to stay and expand our business and hire more people because we’re going in the right direction,” she said. “We want businesses to succeed, because when businesses succeed, your communities succeed, your young people have employment, you have better employment, so that’s what we want to see. It’s going to take a bit of time. I have a long list. We’re still going. It’s been a lot in a short period of time and I love it all. We need to do more. But we’re seeing the success on the ground. We’re seeing that businesses say hey, Ontario

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I come to Haliburton for a reality check. People give it to you straight up.

— LAURIE SCOTT

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really is open for business. You’re going to hear that from me. We’re open for business.”

Scott said nowhere in the riding did you hear more about the affordability factor of fee increases she said were imposed by the previous government than up here.

“It’s just tougher, right,” she said. “Everything went up so much in price. It’s tougher just to live let alone do business. You’ll see that affordability. We came in right away and got rid of the carbon tax. We knew that was going to impact people. Put some decreased gas prices out there for people so they could drive. We have to drive up here. We all have to drive. These are rural ridings. We have needs. Rural Ontario was not listened to for the past 15 years.”

Speaking despite a hoarse voice, she said: “I didn’t just lose my voice yelling about it, as you know I’ve been yelling about it for a long time.”

Before taking questions from the audience, Scott also mentioned the PC government’s leader. “Premier Ford wants to come to Haliburton so we’ll get him up to Haliburton,” she said. “But he really heard from the people, and he still, he gives his phone number out at every event, I don’t know how that man keeps up. He still wants to hear what’s going on the ground and how we can make things better and we strive for that.”

Concerns from audience members included a question about what the enforcement for trades would be now that the College of Trades has been eliminated and how to ensure students were being made aware of the trades as a potential future career. Some HHSS students were in attendance and one said she didn’t think much emphasis was put on the trades in school, but rather in pursuing university education. Members of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association will attend an upcoming career fair at the high school and encouraged participating students to bring resumes.

Canadian Home Builders’ incoming president Stefanie Coleman and Ontario Home Builders’ director of policy Mike Collins-Williams also spoke at the meeting.

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Conditions are right for wildfires

by Matthew Sitrler

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Kirkony farm is located on County Road One in Snowdon Township.

Current provincial legislation dictates that from April 1, burning cannot occur more than two hours before sundown or within two hours of sunrise, says Minden Hills Clerk Tammy McKelvey. "You can only burn at night," she stated. People caught burning during the day could face a fine because the Forest Fire Prevention Act (FFPA) is governed by the MNR. "We can lay charges under the FFPA, but at present, people caught burning during the day would face a court date," continued McKelvey.

While a burning by-law is still in effect from before amalgamation, it is in need of an updating - something the Minden Hills Fire Committee is expected to look at in the near future. "We have enforcement mechanisms here," she continued. "I don't know if council wants to establish a set fine where a fire chief can go out and issue a ticket. That has yet to be decided."

Minden Deputy Fire Chief Doug Schell said the cause of the fire was human error.



Tom Prentice Jr. was one of a number of Minden firefighters who responded to a grass fire last week. High winds, lack of rain and dry vegetation provides an ideal mix for run-away grass fires. Property owners are advised to be careful when burning brush. Check with the municipal office for regulations and permit requirements. (photo by Matt Sitrler)

Business group finds firm footing

by Matthew Sitrler

Optimism, tempered with some mild criticism of Minden Hills Council, was on the menu at the Minden Business Association's (MBA) Annual General Meeting Thursday evening, April 19. Some 20 business owners, representing twenty per cent of the original membership, attended the meeting at the Minden Community Centre where they spent the night focusing on business strategies, while suggesting many new ideas and proposals.

It's important that members function within the organization as members should, General Manager Stu Brandon told the gathering. "The participation of everyone will be required if we are to get things moving this year."

Describing the MBA as 'a self-help group which exists to help its members', Brandon added that the previous MBA had sometimes expected its manager to run and establish events single-handedly. He suggested this is something that could not continue.

Following a show of hands, the MBA's 2001 Executive was elected. Dave Willis, of Rockcliffe Tavern, was acclaimed as President and Wayne Henderson (The Storeroom) was named Treasurer. Linda Easton (Vlaumart) will act as Secretary, and John Graham (Happy Daze Automotive) and Chuck Golden (Golden Stationers) are Directors.

It was decided that April was a good time to hold the organization's annual general meeting.

"In the surveys we have received, most members selected keeping a monthly meeting schedule," Brandon said. "The full survey results will be published in our newsletter." 41 members have rejoined as of the meeting

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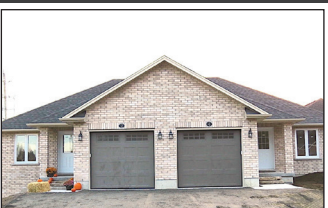
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- Fixed week, 2nd week of July, & 4 rotating weeks
- On our premier 5 lake chain, 45+ miles of boating!



Karen Nimigon**
457-2128 x 29

Kashagawigamog Lake \$53,500

- 4 season cottage with fractional ownership
- Open Concept, 3 bedrooms, quiet end of the road
- On our premier 5 lake chain, Boat into Haliburton



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Redstone Lake \$734,900

- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Esson Lake \$519,000

- Large cottage, 3 bedrooms, with great view
- Good shoreline, 100 ft of water frontage



Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Deeded Lake Access

- Over an acre of land
- Steps from Sir Sam's ski hill
- Easy access



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Hunter Creek Estates \$129,000

- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large corner lot, minutes to Minden



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Maple Lake \$449,000

- Completely Renovated 3 Bdrm Home/Cottage
- Cathedral Ceilings, Pine Accents
- Certified Wood Stove
- Southern Exposure, Sand Beach



Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 23

Minden Home \$649,000

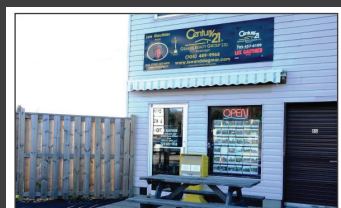
- Renovated Century Home on 100 acres.
- Large barn, guest log cabin, several outbuildings
- Solar generation provides added income.



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Home \$599,000

- Stunning house on a 108-acre property
- Private paradise with trails, streams & ponds
- 3000 sq. ft renovated, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths



Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

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